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RECEIPTS.

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| Amount of Tax List, - - - - - | \$6,397 75 |
| Received from State, for Saving's Bank tax, - | 474 43 |
| “ from State, for Railroad tax, - - | 147 58 |
| “ from State, for Literary Fund, - - | 41 22 |
| “ from the County, for support of County paupers, - - - - - | 1,177 31 |
| “ from the Great Falls National Bank for 1867, - - - - - | 4 00 |
| “ from money on hand, - - - | 283 14 |
| “ of Emery Woodman, collector for 1867, - - - - - | 96 03 |
| “ of James Brown, for old bridge plank, | 2 50 |
| | \$8,623 96 |

RECEIVED BY NOTE.

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| Received of Abby S. Clark, - - - - - | \$300 00 |
| “ Ruth T. Sleeper, - - - - - | 100 00 |
| “ William F. Yeaton, two notes, - | 580 00 |
| “ Bezaleel S. Mathes, - - - - - | 300 00 |
| “ George H. Seavey, - - - - - | 232 80 |
| <i>Amount carried forward,</i> | \$1512 80 |

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| <i>Amount brought forward,</i> | | | | | | | \$1,512 80 |
| Received of Lemuel Locke, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 250 00 |
| " Richard L. Locke, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 200 00 |
| " Mary Jenness, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 250 00 |
| " Mary H. Stark, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 100 00 |
| " Cyrus S. Jones, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 250 00 |
| " Oliver P. Jenness, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 300 00 |
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| | | | | | | | \$2,862 80 |

EXPENDITURES.

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|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|------------|
| Paid State tax, | - | - | - | - | - | - | \$2,050 00 |
| " County tax, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 878 67 |
| " Express agent, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 00 |
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| | | | | | | | \$2,929 67 |

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES, GATES, AND GUIDE-BOARDS.

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|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---------|
| Paid Richard Jenness, for timber for Brown's | | | | | | | |
| Bridge, | - | - | - | - | - | - | \$8 00 |
| " Samuel J. Jones, for spikes for Brown's | | | | | | | |
| Bridge, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 85 |
| " Smith & Folsom, for plank for Brown's | | | | | | | |
| Bridge, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 31 20 |
| " E. H. Balch, for drawing timber and plank, | | | | | | | 5 50 |
| " William Remick, for labor, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 75 |
| " Aaron Rand, for labor, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 50 |
| " David Remick, for labor, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 00 |
| " David Jenness, for labor, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5 00 |
| " Charles W. Jones, for self and oxen, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 00 |
| " Selectmen's bills, on Marsh Road, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 14 00 |
| " Charles C. Marden, for land, and building | | | | | | | |
| wall in widening road near his house, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 00 |
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| <i>Amount carried forward,</i> | | | | | | | \$83 80 |

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| <i>Amount brought forward,</i> | \$83 80 |
| Paid Albion R. Rumery, for land, in widening road near his house, - - - - | 7 00 |
| " Emmons B. Philbrick, for land in widening road near his house, - - - - | 15 00 |
| " Alfred G. Jenness, for guide-post, - - - | 1 50 |
| " Emery Woodman, for land damages in laying new road, - - - - - | 22 85 |
| " Moses L. Garland, for setting guide-post, - - - | 1 50 |
| " Samuel B. Spear, for painting guide-boards, - - - | 3 50 |
| " Selectmen's bills, for examining and laying out road near Job Jenness's, - - - | 4 50 |
| " David Remick, for blasting rock on District No. 12, . - - - - - | 1 25 |
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| | \$140 90 |

Road widened and straightened by Daniel Philbrick's.

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| Paid J. Curtis Philbrick, for damages, - - - | \$190 00 |
| " Daniel Philbrick, for damages, - - - - | 60 00 |
| " Moses L. and Charles Garland, - - - - | 190 00 |
| " Selectmen's bills, - - - - - | 26 00 |
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| | \$466 00 |

Road widened and straightened near Chesley's Store.

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| Paid Charles and Cyrus S. Jones, for damages, - | \$50 72 |
| " Wm. E. and Simon L. Chesley, for damages, - | 1 75 |
| " Albert D. Jenness, for grading, - - - | 33 04 |
| " Selectmen's bills, - | 9 00 |
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| | \$94 51 |

Locke's Neck Road.

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|---|----------|
| Paid Woodbury L. Berry and Wm. Trefethen, for moving Mrs. Ham's barn, - - - | \$40 00 |
| " R. P. Goss and A. R. Rumery, for grading, - - - | 189 94 |
| " W. L. Berry, for building wall, - - - | 61 87 |
| " Lemuel Locke, for grading road near Stony Beach, - - - - - | 14 26 |
| " W. L. Berry, for moving privy, - - - | 3 50 |
| " Selectmen's bills, - - - - - | 7 00 |
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| | \$316 57 |

Rye Harbor Road.

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| Paid Elvin Locke, for hauling rocks, - - - | \$9 00 |
| " Jonathan Locke, " " - - - | 2 62 |
| " Nathaniel Marden, " " - - - | 3 00 |
| " Arthur L. Goss, " " - - - | 9 00 |
| " Otis Goss, " " - - - | 3 00 |
| " Joseph Locke, " " - - - | 5 74 |
| " Aaron Rand, " " - - - | 4 50 |
| " Lemuel Locke " " - - - | 3 00 |
| " Levi Brown, " " - - - | 1 50 |
| " Selectmen's bills, - - - - - | 3 00 |
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| | \$44 36 |

SUNDRY EXPENSES.

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|--|---------|
| Paid J. L. Foster, for printing accounts for 1867, - - - | \$25 00 |
| " J. F. Shores, for blank books, - - - | 2 25 |
| " for revenue stamps, - - - - - | 8 56 |
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| <i>Amount carried forward,</i> | \$35 81 |

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| <i>Amount brought forward,</i> | \$35 81 |
| Paid W. H. Y. Hackett, advice, - - - | 5 00 |
| " for Collector's book, - - - | 42 |
| " John S. Remick, on account of small-pox, | 125 00 |
| " William Tarlton, for bell-ropes, - - | 4 95 |
| " Nathan Clough, for repairing pound, - | 5 00 |
| " Daniel Brown, for sheep killed by dogs, - | 12 00 |
| " for use of vestry, - - - - - | 15 00 |
| " William J. Walker, for ringing and tolling bell, - - - - - | 19 00 |
| " Nathaniel Marden, Town Clerk, - - | 18 67 |
| " J. T. Walker, for postage, - - - | 33 |
| " T. J. Parsons, room, lights, and stationery, | 25 51 |
| " Portsmouth City Clerk, for affidavit, to make George S. Randall a County charge, - | 50 |
| " Selectmen's bills, for describing and making return of non-resident tax to Concord, - | 6 00 |
| " T. J. Parsons, for taking affidavits, to make Ephraim R. Hall, George S. Randall, and Keen family, a County charge, - - | 6 50 |
| " Selectmen, for services for the last-named persons, - - - - - | 4 25 |
| " Expenses to get the correct amount of rail- road stock, - - - - - | 4 05 |
| " Samuel J. Jones, Tax Collector, - - | 39 00 |
| " Charles J. Brown, Auditor, - - - | 2 00 |
| " G. H. Jenness, " - - - - - | 2 00 |
| " David Jenness, for recording Selectmen's accounts, - - - - - | 3 00 |
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| | \$334 99 |

SCHOOL EXPENSES.

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|---|----------|
| Paid the Prudential Committees, - - - | \$900 00 |
| “ Gilman H. Jenness, superintending School Committee, - - - - - | 10 00 |
| “ T. J. Parsons, for school-books, - - - | 1 46 |
| “ Selectmen, for assessing school tax, - - | 6 00 |
| “ Gilman H. Jenness, for school-books, - | 4 79 |
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| | \$922 25 |

EXPENSES OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid for support and clothing, —

| | |
|--|------------|
| Sally Shapley, - - - - - | \$84 48 |
| Betsey Shapley, - - - - - | 77 39 |
| Judith Shapley, - - - - - | 78 28 |
| Martha Berry, - - - - - | 74 67 |
| Betsey Randall, - - - - - | 61 25 |
| Francis A. Knowland, - - - - - | 15 50 |
| John Sanders, - - - - - | 13 63 |
| Sally G. Berry, - - - - - | 100 00 |
| Keziah Owens, - - - - - | 51 40 |
| Henry Turner, - - - - - | 45 79 |
| Betsey Goss, - - - - - | 77 00 |
| Edward Caswell and wife, - - - - - | 133 50 |
| Levi Berry, - - - - - | 44 75 |
| Ephraim R. Hall, - - - - - | 45 00 |
| Warren Keen's family, - - - - - | 18 30 |
| four Mace children, - - - - - | 118 76 |
| Anna B. Caswell, - - - - - | 44 11 |
| George S. Randall, - - - - - | 15 00 |
| Paid Dr. Warren Parson's bill, - - - - - | 59 25 |
| “ Dr. J. W. Parson's bill, - - - - - | 2 00 |
| “ for transient travellers, - - - - - | 15 50 |
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| | \$1,177 31 |

EXPENSE OF POOR NOT ON THE TOWN FARM.

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|---|----------|
| Paid for support of Mrs. Leighton and four children, - - - - - | \$105 00 |
| " Aaron Rand, three trips to Exeter for the Leighton family, - - - - - | 6 00 |
| " Elias Perkins, for half cord of wood for Mrs. Betsey Downs, - - - - - | 2 75 |
| " T. J. Parsons, bill for Mrs. James T. Varrell, - - - - - | 5 07 |
| " City of Portsmouth, " " " " - - - - - | 5 50 |
| " T. J. Parsons, bill for Mrs. Anna B. Caswell, - - - - - | 9 23 |
| " " " " Robert Shapley, - - - - - | 21 00 |
| " Dr. Parson's bill, - - - - - | 32 00 |
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| | \$186 55 |

AARON RAND'S BILL.

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|---|---------|
| Paid for services as Selectman, - - - - - | \$6 00 |
| " for receiving proposals, and hiring Mr. Yeaton to take charge of the Town Farm, - - - - - | 2 00 |
| " for taking account of stock on Town Farm twice, - - - - - | 3 00 |
| " for taking the inventory, - - - - - | 6 00 |
| " for enrolling militia and making returns, - - - - - | 1 00 |
| " for making return of railroad stock, - - - - - | 1 00 |
| " for making County pauper bills, - - - - - | 2 00 |
| " for making and correcting check-list, - - - - - | 1 50 |
| " for attending jury meetings, - - - - - | 1 00 |
| " for hiring money and paying notes, - - - - - | 4 00 |
| " for one day with the Auditors, - - - - - | 1 50 |
| " for revising jury-box, - - - - - | 1 00 |
| " for one day with the Assessors, - - - - - | 2 00 |
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| <i>Amount carried forward,</i> | \$32 00 |

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| <i>Amount brought forward,</i> | \$32 00 |
| Paid for preparing Collector's book, - - - | 1 00 |
| " for settling bills, - - - - - | 3 00 |
| " for preparing accounts for printing, - - | 3 00 |
| " for writing notices and attending extra meetings, - - - - - | 2 00 |
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| | \$41 00 |

DAVID REMICK'S BILL.

| | |
|---|---------|
| Paid for service as Selectman, - - - - | \$6 00 |
| " for receiving proposals, and hiring Mr. Yeaton to take charge of the Town Farm, - | 2 00 |
| " for taking account of stock on Town Farm twice, - - - - - | 3 00 |
| " for taking inventory, - - - - - | 6 00 |
| " for enrolling militia and making returns, - | 1 00 |
| " for making and correcting check-list, - - | 1 50 |
| " for attending jury meetings, - - - | 1 00 |
| " for hiring money and paying notes, - - | 3 00 |
| " for one day with the Auditors, - - - | 1 50 |
| " for revising jury-box, - - - - | 1 00 |
| " for one day with the Assessors, - - - | 2 00 |
| " for settling bills, - - - - - | 3 00 |
| " for preparing accounts for printing, - - | 3 00 |
| " for writing notices and attending extra meetings, - - - - - | 2 00 |
| " for recording inventory, - - - - | 3 00 |
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| | \$39 00 |

DAVID JENNESS'S BILL.

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| Paid for service as Selectman, - - - - | \$6 00 |
| " for receiving proposals, and hiring Mr. Yeaton to take charge of the Town Farm, - | 2 00 |
| " for taking account of stock on Town Farm twice, - - - - - | 3 00 |
| " for taking the inventory, - - - - | 6 00 |
| " for enrolling militia and making returns, - | 1 00 |
| " for making return of railroad stock, - - | 1 00 |
| " for making County pauper bills, - - | 2 00 |
| " for making and correcting check-list, - - | 1 50 |
| " for attending jury meetings, - - - | 1 00 |
| " for hiring money and paying notes, - - | 4 00 |
| " for one day with the Auditors, - - - | 1 50 |
| " for revising jury-box, - - - - | 1 00 |
| " for one day with the Assessors, - - - | 2 00 |
| " for preparing Collector's book, - - - | 1 00 |
| " for settling bills, - - - - - | 3 00 |
| " for preparing accounts for printing, - - | 3 00 |
| " for writing notices and attending extra meetings, - - - - - | 2 00 |
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| | \$41 00 |

INCOME OF TOWN FARM.

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| Received of Wm. F. Yeaton, for rolls, - - | \$3 75 |
| " for calves and lambs, - - - - | 45 00 |
| " for bull, and income, - - - - | 52 75 |
| " for butter, eggs, cider-mill, cider, ox work, yarn, &c., - - - - | 69 10 |
| " of William Marden, for cow, - - | 50 00 |
| " of Oliver P. Jenness, for oxen, - - | 220 00 |
| " of County, for county paupers on Town Farm, before accounted for, - - | 184 58 |
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| | \$625 18 |

TOWN-FARM EXPENSES.

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| Paid P. C. Hutchins, for tin and wooden ware, - | \$8 44 |
| " Frank J. Willey, " " " " - | 4 40 |
| " True W. Jones, for haying tools, &c., - | 14 11 |
| " George B. French, for cloth, - - - | 4 47 |
| " N. F. Mathes & Co., for crockery ware, - | 3 08 |
| " A. Q. Wendell, for hardware, - - - | 10 81 |
| " Hill & Care, shoes, - - - - | 2 25 |
| " S. W. Moses, for groceries, - - - - | 3 04 |
| " Edward Seavey, for blacksmith work, - | 14 12 |
| " Wm. F. Yeaton, for pork, lard, flour, &c., - | 44 73 |
| " Abram Bell, for labor, - - - - | 82 80 |
| " George H. Seavey, for labor, - - - - | 7 50 |
| " Marden Locke, for labor, - - - - | 20 00 |
| " Henry B. Bickford, for boots and shoes, - | 3 70 |
| " for groceries, provisions, and other articles, - | 86 60 |
| " Dr. Parson's bill, - - - - | 50 |
| " Moses Clark, for taking charge of Town | |
| Farm and boarding paupers, - - - | 30 00 |
| " Moses Clark, for one cow and bull, - - | 90 00 |
| " Moses Clark, for sheep and corn, - - | 20 50 |
| " Uriah Blaisdell, for plough, - - - | 13 00 |
| " Aaron Rand, for horse, - - - - | 105 00 |
| " Union Store bills, - - - - | 189 55 |
| " William Caswell, for oxen, - - - | 210 00 |
| " Stephen Marden, for labor of son, - - | 25 00 |
| " Aaron Rand, for cider pipe and two barrels, - | 4 50 |
| " Wm. F. Yeaton, for taking charge of Town | |
| Farm, - - - - | 250 00 |
| " Selectmen's bills, for buying and selling | |
| stock, - - - - | 3 00 |
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| \$1,251 10 | |

NOTES PAID.

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|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|----------|
| Paid Hopley Yeaton, on note, | - | - | - | - | \$300 00 |
| " Christian Society, | - | - | - | - | 20 30 |
| " Nathaniel G. Foye, | - | - | - | - | 443 81 |
| " Joseph J. Drake, | - | - | - | - | 370 00 |
| " Abigail Jenness, | - | - | - | - | 331 52 |
| " Joseph B. Dalton, | - | - | - | - | 145 70 |
| " Howard F. Rand, | - | - | - | - | 130 34 |
| " Moses L. Garland, | - | - | - | - | 24 00 |
| " Oliver Jenness, | - | - | - | - | 7 65 |
| " William T. Mathes, | - | - | - | - | 46 50 |
| " Daniel Dalton, | - | - | - | - | 99 40 |
| " Nathaniel G. Jenness, | - | - | - | - | 300 00 |
| " Alfred S. Goss, | - | - | - | - | 62 91 |
| " Sheridan Jenness, | - | - | - | - | 1,070 95 |
| " Cyrus S. Jones, | - | - | - | - | 4 00 |
| " Oliver P. Jenness, | - | - | - | - | 200 00 |
| " Jonathan Jenness, | - | - | - | - | 18 00 |

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ABATEMENTS.

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|--|---|---|--------|
| William H. Garland, poll tax for 1867, | - | - | \$3 31 |
| Charles I. Mace, on money, | - | - | 4 65 |
| John L. Jenness, poll tax, | - | - | 2 32 |
| Oliver Jenness, on cow, | - | - | 40 |
| John S. Remick, on money, | - | - | 3 47 |
| Edward Seavey, on valuation, | - | - | 77 |
| Joseph L. Seavey, on valuation, | - | - | 3 10 |
| Widow Elizabeth Garland, for insane son, | - | - | 24 36 |
| Sylvester W. Odion, poll for insanity, | - | - | 2 32 |
| William S. Odion, on money, | - | - | 4 65 |
| Richard P. Goss, on dog, | - | - | 1 00 |
| Jonathan Jenness, on money, | - | - | 7 75 |

Amount carried forward,

\$58 10

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| <i>Amount brought forward,</i> | | | | | \$58 10 |
| Oliver P. Garland, on dog, | - | - | - | - | 1 00 |
| Charles A. Odion, on dog, | - | - | - | - | 1 00 |
| John Varrell, on dog, | - | - | - | - | 1 00 |
| Samuel P. Garland, on valuation, | - | - | - | - | 87 |
| Oliver L. Locke, on valuation, | - | - | - | - | 1 55 |
| Miss Powers, on money, | - | - | - | - | 3 10 |
| Wesley Foye, on dog, | - | - | - | - | 1 00 |
| William S. Garland, on money, | - | - | - | - | 3 10 |
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| | | | | | \$70 72 |

RECAPITULATION.

EXPENDITURES.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|------------|
| State and County Tax, | - | - | - | - | \$2,929 67 |
| Roads widened, &c., Daniel Philbrick's, | - | - | - | - | 466 00 |
| “ “ Chesley's, | - | - | - | - | 94 51 |
| “ “ Locke's Neck, | - | - | - | - | 316 57 |
| Labor on Harbor Road, | - | - | - | - | 44 36 |
| Other roads and bridges, | - | - | - | - | 140 90 |
| Sundry expenses, | - | - | - | - | 334 49 |
| School “ | - | - | - | - | 922 25 |
| County paupers, | - | - | - | - | 1,177 31 |
| Poor not on Town Farm, | - | - | - | - | 186 55 |
| Notes and interest paid, | - | - | - | - | 712 28 |
| Abatements on taxes, | - | - | - | - | 70 72 |
| Due from Collector for 1868, | - | - | - | - | 314 60 |
| Balance against the Town Farm, | - | - | - | - | 625 92 |
| Aaron Rand's bill, | - | - | - | - | 41 00 |
| David Remick's bill, | - | - | - | - | 39 00 |
| David Jenness's bill, | - | - | - | - | 41 00 |
| Cash on hand, | - | - | - | - | 166 83 |
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| | | | | | \$8,623 96 |
| Credit by total amount of Receipts, | - | - | - | - | \$8,623 96 |

NOTES OUTSTANDING AGAINST THE TOWN.

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| Note to Hopley Yeaton, | - | - | \$605 16 |
| " " Joseph J. Drake, | - | - | 330 00 |
| " " Abigail Jenness, | - | - | 280 00 |
| " " Joseph B. Dalton, | - | - | 1,030 00 |
| " " Mary Jenness, two notes, | - | - | 461 10 |
| " " Mary A. Jenness, | - | - | 371 59 |
| " " Robert S. Foss, | - | - | 268 00 |
| " " Moses L. Garland, | - | - | 400 00 |
| " " C. Austin Jenness, | - | - | 236 18 |
| " " William T. Mathes, | - | - | 400 00 |
| " " Daniel Dalton, two notes, | - | - | 1,213 34 |
| " " Alfred S. Goss, | - | - | 550 00 |
| " " David Jenness, | - | - | 1,168 44 |
| " " Charles W. Jones, | - | - | 378 73 |
| " " Cyrus S. Jones, | - | - | 250 00 |
| " " Oliver P. Jenness, | - | - | 100 00 |
| " " Clara A. Clark, | - | - | 481 86 |
| " " T. J. Parsons, | - | - | 112 36 |
| " " Frank E. Parsons, | - | - | 56 18 |
| " " Jonathan Jenness, | - | - | 300 00 |
| " " Geo. H. Seavey, two notes, | - | - | 500 00 |
| " " Nathaniel G. Jenness, | - | - | 372 00 |
| " " Allen Rand, | - | - | 200 00 |
| " " Martha A. Seavey, | - | - | 106 75 |
| " " James E. Seavey, | - | - | 262 50 |
| " " Hannah Jenness, | - | - | 601 06 |
| " " Christian Society, | - | - | 353 00 |
| " " William Moses, | - | - | 731 40 |
| " " Anna P. Marston, | - | - | 120 69 |
| " " John H. Brown, | - | - | 100 00 |
| " " Frederick Seavey, | - | - | 285 11 |

Amount carried forward, \$12,615 45

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| <i>Amount brought forward,</i> | | | \$12,615 45 |
| Note to Hannah W. Rand, | - | - | 528 00 |
| " " James Brown, | - | - | 50 00 |
| " " Lydia Yeaton, | - | - | 337 08 |
| " " Daniel C. Webster, | - | - | 110 00 |
| " " Wesley A. Rand, | - | - | 1,000 00 |
| " " Edward Seavey, | - | - | 200 00 |
| | | | <hr/> 2,225 08 |
| | | | <hr/> \$14,840 53 |

DUE THE TOWN.

| | | | |
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| From the United States, | - | - | \$2,400 00 |
| " the Collector, for the year 1867, | | | 10 00 |
| " the Collector, for the year 1868, | | | 314 60 |
| " the Selectmen, | - | - | 166 83 |
| | | | <hr/> \$2,891 43 |
| Balance against the town, | - | - | <hr/> \$11,949 10. |

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| AARON RAND, | } | <i>Selectmen.</i> |
| DAVID REMICK, | | |
| DAVID JENNESS, | | |

RYE, March 1st, 1869.

We, the subscribers, have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and well vouched.

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| CHARLES J. BROWN, | } | <i>Auditors.</i> |
| G. H. JENNESS, | | |

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF RYE,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1869.

BOSTON :

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REPORT.

FELLOW-CITIZENS: —

Charged, in a measure, with the responsibility and management of our Common Schools for the past year, it becomes my pleasure, as well as required duty, to report to you their condition and progress. I shall also take the liberty to recommend such improvements, and make such suggestions, as are, in my judgment, essential to their continued welfare and future prosperity. Owing to the unusual length of the Winter Schools, the statements made in this Report, relative to the exact average attendance, and the number of visitors, is necessarily incomplete. I presume, however, that the general average will not vary materially from the average attendance to March 1st.

The schools in general during the past year have been under excellent management, and have made good improvement. The teachers, as a whole, have discharged their responsible duties in an acceptable manner; and there has been no serious difficulty in any of the Districts. The Prudential Committee, in some of the Districts, entertained some misgivings in regard to employing female teachers for the Winter Schools.

The experiment, however, has proved an entire success ; and I do not see why it may not be safely continued, provided, always, that the Committee employ only those of requisite qualifications to teach and *govern*. In this connection, I cannot too forcibly urge upon committees the importance of selecting the *very best* teachers. The low wages paid to female teachers have compelled many of them to seek more remunerative employment ; and we may not expect, in future, to be always able to secure the services of competent instructors at the merely nominal prices hitherto paid. A too rigid economy in this respect may lower the standard of our schools, and prove more injurious in the end than a judicious liberality at the outset.

The large number of text-books, some of them quite valuable, and others comparatively worthless, have made our schools cumbersome and hard to teach. This will continue to be so, in a measure, until that indefinite "good time" in the future when our schools shall be *graded*. As a forcible illustration of this point, I found, in the Centre School, at the commencement of the Summer Term, *five different kinds of Grammar*, — either of which, alone, were better than all combined. Such has been the case, to a greater or less extent, in all of the schools. As a partial remedy for this objectionable feature, I have introduced a uniformity of text-books wherever a change has been made. In making such changes as I deemed necessary, I have endeavored to introduce books of acknowledged merit and practical utility. The numerous varieties of Grammar have been replaced by "Quackenboss's," uniformly throughout the

schools. "Greenleaf's" Arithmetics have been replaced by Quackenboss's — a less intricate, and, in my opinion, a much better work for general use. My reasons for preferring it, are, that it is thoroughly *practical*, and unsurpassed in the conciseness of its definitions and simplicity of its details. It has been universally liked wherever introduced. "Emerson's" and "Colburn's" Arithmetics have respectively been replaced by Quackenboss's "Primary" and "Mental." Cornell's Geographies (the latest editions) have been introduced in the South and East Districts, and the "Primary" Edition in the West. The numerous political changes throughout the world, the organization of our Territories, and important geographical discoveries, render the old geographies comparatively worthless for reference or study. A set of outline maps should be furnished in every District. In no way can Geography be so rapidly learned, and the knowledge so well retained, as by the study of these maps. The citizens of the West District have purchased a set by subscription, and I hope their example may be followed by the citizens of other Districts.

I would recommend advanced scholars to devote more attention to *Physical* Geography. There should be at least one class in every school. Such an interesting and important branch of Geography ought not to be neglected.

More attention should be given to Writing. There has been no *system* in our method of teaching Penmanship. Instead of beginning with the simplest elements and principles of the letters, many pupils have been

allowed to commence writing in books where the copies were adapted for advanced scholars. The lesson should be adapted to the *capacity* of the pupil, and his ability to understand the simplest elements of penmanship. As a means of creating a better interest, and of reforming existing abuses, I have introduced Payson, Dunton & Scribner's series of writing-books throughout the schools. A set of Writing Tablets founded upon this system, placed in each of the schoolrooms, would be of material benefit to those who write.

The Readers in our schools (with one or two exceptions) have been so long in use, that they have long since ceased to be interesting to the pupils. I regard a change as highly desirable. From a careful examination of several series, I am convinced that "Parker & Watson's National Readers" possess superior merits for our common schools. One serious objection to many of the series in general use, is the introduction of large words in the Primer and First Reader. In the National Series, this is carefully avoided; the lessons being made easy and *progressive*. The Primer contains no words of more than five letters. I would recommend the introduction of these Readers as soon as practically convenient.

Natural Philosophy, which was once made a prominent study in our schools, is now wholly neglected. I hope it will be introduced again immediately.

During the year, the Centre School-house has been thoroughly repaired, and an excellent room obtained at a comparatively moderate cost. It is, however, very poorly ventilated, and highly detrimental to the health and

comfort of the children, in its present condition. I hope that so serious a defect will be speedily remedied.

While freely criticising the relations existing between teachers and scholars, parents should not be unmindful of the responsibilities resting upon *them*. The scholar's deportment in the schoolroom largely depends upon the impressions received at home. It should be the parents' aim to impress upon the mind of the child the importance of a punctual and regular attendance, and the necessity of a cheerful and willing obedience to the reasonable regulations of the school. Let parents encourage studious habits, and frequently remind their children of the great benefits to be derived from a good education. *Let them manifest a practical interest by visiting the schools*, especially on examination-day. The scholars will be inspired with renewed energy when they know that parents are interested in their progress.

In this fast and progressive age, every proper means should be taken to elevate the standard and increase the efficiency of our schools. We cannot afford to be *behind the times*. We cannot safely ignore the improved text-books and the new and approved methods of teaching. In our common schools, we behold the future of our country. Educate the people, and crime and pauperism will diminish. *Ignorance* is the high-road to vice and crime. Under existing circumstances, many of our children must necessarily go out into the world and fight the battle of life single-handed. Surely, we can give them nothing more beneficial than a good education. To promote this desirable result, liberal appropriations should be made for the support of our schools.

However desirable economy may be elsewhere, we cannot safely retrench here. Money withheld from the school-house *may* be spent at the pauper-house and prison.

I do not feel at liberty to close my Report, without referring somewhat in detail to the different schools, and the teachers connected with them. This part of a committee's duty is oftentimes rendered extremely unpleasant, when, in the impartial discharge of his trust, he is reluctantly compelled to censure the teachers and their management of the schools. I am pleased to add, that no space in my present Report will be thus occupied. On the contrary, their conduct and general management of the schools have been such as shield them from adverse criticism, and entitle them to commendation.

In the South District, the Summer Term was taught by Miss Leonora A. Bean, of Nottingham. I found Miss Bean's school very quiet, orderly, and well-disposed. The scholars evidently made good progress, and manifested that kindly feeling toward their teacher which is so conducive to mutual success.

The Winter Term was taught by Miss Semira S. Shapley, of Rye. Miss Shapley's reputation as a teacher is too well established to need any recommendation from me. Her method of instruction is interesting and concise; and her manner of *governing* highly commendable. In her school, I observed studious habits, good discipline, and good progress.

In the West District, the Summer Term was taught by Miss Abby S. Clark, of Rye. Miss Clark, in addi-

tion to her other excellent qualifications, possesses, in a marked degree, the rare ability to *govern*. I found her school under the best of discipline, and the scholars making very rapid improvement.

The Winter Term was taught by the author of this Report; and modesty forbids more than the mention of this fact. Suffice it to say, that the scholars have made good progress, manifested much interest in their studies, have cheerfully obeyed my regulations, and treated me with every desirable mark of kindness and respect. Judged by the visible results, I trust the school has not been an entire failure.

In the Centre District, the Summer Term was taught by Miss Sophila J. Foye, of Rye. I found Miss Foye to be thorough in her methods of instruction, and commendably strict in discipline. Her school presented a highly creditable appearance upon examination-day, and evinced a degree of promptness, acquired only by diligent study and careful training.

The Winter Term was taught by Mrs. Mary C. Chase, of North Hampton. Mrs. Chase has maintained strict discipline in her school, and her scholars exhibited a marked improvement in their various studies. The attendance has been very regular, and in this respect, averages better than any other school in town.

In the East District, both terms of the school were taught by Miss Roxa M. Felker, of Barrington. In the several visits made to her school during the year, I invariably found good order, close attention to the studies on the part of the scholars, and careful instruction and earnest effort on the part of the teacher. I

regard Miss Felker's method of instruction as worthy of imitation, being alike systematic and thorough. She is an energetic teacher, and deserves much credit for her untiring exertions to promote the interests of the school.

My personal thanks are due the several teachers, for the uniform courtesy with which they have treated my suggestions, and their readiness to co-operate with me in introducing needed reforms.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. H. JENNESS,
Supt. Committee.

STATISTICS, SCHOOL OFFICERS, Etc.

SUPERINTENDING COMMITTEE.

G. H. JENNESS.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.

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| District No. 1. | — Oliver P. Garland. |
| " " | 2. — Richard P. Goss. |
| " " | 3. — J. Jenness Rand. |
| " " | — Eben L. Seavey. |

CLERKS.

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| Joseph W. Garland, |
| Augustus W. Locke, |
| John T. Marden, |
| Levi W. Hall. |

Amount of money appropriated by the Town for School purposes, \$900.00.

Salary of Superintending Committee, \$10.00.

Total value of books furnished to indigent children, by Committee, \$6.25.







